

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 25-60 are pending in the present application. Claims 41, 49 and 50 have now been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1 to 24 were cancelled by previous amendment, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The claims have now been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 50 contains allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claim 25 has now been amended to recite the steps of allowable dependent claim 50 and intervening claims. Support for other amendments to claim 25 can be found, for example, in the Specification at ¶¶ 0033. Amendments made to claims 42-45, 47, and 51 were made to place these claims in agreement with their base claim 25. Independent claim 53 has been amended to recite structure configured to achieve the method steps of claim 25. It is respectfully submitted that by virtue of the above amendments all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of the above amendments is requested.

In view of the foregoing it is believed that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

By ELR. Swanson

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